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SCHEME MINIMIZING TRAVEL  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examining the above-identified application, please amend the application, without prejudice. A marked-up version of claims 124, 141, 160 and 163-166 is attached hereto.

**In the claims:**

Please amend claims 124, 141, 160 and 163-166 as follows:

124. **(Amended)** A method for determining an optimum travel scheme for minimizing travel costs for traveling a plurality of travel links being served by a plurality of travel carriers by selectively allocating travel trips on each link to the carriers serving the link, comprising the steps of:

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(a) determining travel information representative of the links and the carriers serving the links;

(b) determining constraints on allocating the trips to the carriers;

(c) prospectively allocating the trips among the carriers in accordance with the travel

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Substitute Specification.  
☐ Small Entity status:  
☐ has previously been claimed/established.  
☐ is hereby claimed under 37 C.F.R. §1.27, as ☐ an Independent Inventor, or ☐ a Small Business Concern, or ☐ a Non-Profit Organization.

The additional claim fees have been calculated as follows:

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- ☒ [X] Any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and/or § 1.17.
- ☒ [X] In the event that a Petition for Extension of Time is required, but not submitted, please charge any extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to our Deposit Account.

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